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FLASH! 3rd VARIETY OF THE 1960 CENT DISCOVERED



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The above photos show (3) different die varieties of the 1960 cent issue.

Note the variance of the spacing in the numerals. The 3rd one has no space at all. A check with the chief engraver, Gilroy Roberts, at the Philadelphia mint reveals these die varieties were cut to strengthen the dates for better circulation wear. Available at the Philadelphia Mint are some 30 presses capable of striking over 1,000,000 coins per day. Among these presses is a dual press with 2 hoppers capacity of some 10,000 blank planchets. The Small 1960 Philadelphia cents and the 1960 small Denver cents appear to be the scarcest of the lots.

1960 PROOF SETS sales over the counter have been discontinued due to the overwhelming orders received. Mrs. Rae Biester, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, said orders for the 1960 proof sets have been stopped and returned as of April 30, 1960. Orders for 1½ million sets have been received and it will take the rest of the year to catch up. This issue no doubt will be a record year.

The **Small Date** has also been noted in the 1960 proof sets. The demand from collectors has pushed the price of a set up to \$5.00, a set with a small date would bring more. A total of 494,917 proof sets have been struck January thru April.

Note the **LIBERTY** on the small date above which appears to be tapered. Also we have found many of the 3rd variety large dates above, the portrait has a gloss proof surface. If they are in a group they can easily be spotted due to the gloss shine.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK

The most talked about coin or will be the most talked about in many a year is the 1960-P small date. I gather many a collector and dealer missed the boat by not subscribing to our Coin Press. Many a reader will be richer by one roll or one bag. I've heard as high as 3 bags and many a non reader as selling the equal amount. All I can say is they're still around so don't fret. I was lucky to get 12 rolls, I'm still trying. No one can predict the future, but I'll venture a strong guess 1960-P small date will be terrific. This is only my guess, I could be wrong. I'll also go along with the small date in the proof set only.

Reviews and Notices—The International Coin Co. of Canada whose ads have appeared in these pages many times have put out a 32 page fully illustrated book on numismatics and philatelic supplies. They are free for the asking. Their 2nd edition of the guide book of CANADIAN COINS, PAPER CURRENCY AND TOKENS by H. C. Taylor and Somer James is now available. It contains 232 pages and every page is illustrated.

World Coin Bulletin by Charles Amery is available at 25¢ a copy, 235 E. State Street, Lee Hotel Bldg., Peoria, Illinois.

Alaska's Coinage Through The Years by Maurice Gould and Ken Bressett is now on the market, published by the Whitman Company. This 48 page booklet has valuations and appears to be just what the collector is looking for.

The NEW YORK MIRROR is featuring a Coin and Stamp column in the Sunday editions. Warrie Kell is the editor of this column. Warrie writes the letters she receives from her readers are 6 to 1 — Coins over Stamps. This column has many interesting new issues of stamps and coins.

How To Invest and Market Bulletins have sprung up from different parts of the country; they are offering their method of buying with prices. I got a letter from a reader mentioning stock corp. in coins. "We have egg futures, cotton futures and now proof set futures, black board and bid sheets around and round we go where it stops no one knows."

Thought for the day—"If the advise given proves correct and heeded the source is forgotten quickly—let the advise be wrong, you will long be remembered."

"Advise that is paid for is only half heeded—Given free none at all."

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HALF DOLLARS	— 0 —	4,508,280
QUARTER DOLLARS	— 0 —	421,064
DIMES	— 0 —	4,968,900
FIVE CENT PIECES	— 0 —	51,648,000
ONE CENT PIECES	14,235,000	133,685,000

Proof Coins manufactured at Philadelphia—161,023 sets.

TOTAL NUMBER MINTED JAN.-APRIL 1960

DENOMINATION	PHILA.	DENVER
HALF DOLLARS	2,010,000	10,550,710
QUARTER DOLLARS	2,100,000	51,484,324
DIMES	2,060,000	105,508,000
FIVE CENT PIECES	2,064,000	72,128,500
ONE CENT PIECES	52,750,000	428,190,000

Total Proof sets manufactured at Philadelphia—494,917

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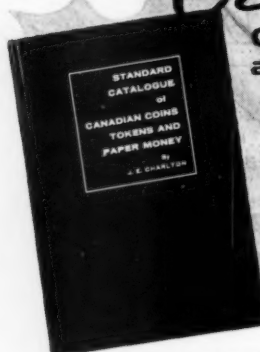
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• READERS FINDS •

Dear Sir:

Just received Coin Press, read articles on 1960 pennies, looked over my coins, I have 12. Six are small wide variety Phila. Mint, two Denver Mint. The 0 is definitely smaller and spacing also wider.

—George Rigoulot
Phila., Penna.

Dear Frank:

Just checked my proof sets. Have both type of dates on the cents. Small date from group received early March. Large dates from batch received last week.

—Joe Diodato
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Spadone:

I received my copy of the Coin Press today, (Friday 13th) and you can't imagine my surprise to read your article on the new 1960-D die variety cent. You can't imagine how I felt when I discovered I once had 100 rolls of the small wide date. I bought a mint bag from my local dealer and as I save only about 20 rolls each mint I sold 73 rolls keeping only 27 rolls. No need to think of what might have been, or might be, I only hope it does prove to be a valuable die variety and the friends who bought 1960-D cents from me really have a coin with a bright future.

Just thought you might like to know where some of those possible early strikes are.

I enjoy your magazine very much.

—Ozella Shaw
Tulsa Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

I received your magazine this morning May 12th Edition and I came near falling over backwards when I read about the 1960-D and P cents.

I have on hand a bag of 1960-D cents that I have had for about two months and did not open them until this morning and then the fun began. Up to now I have processed 11 rolls — 3 are LND, 3 rolls SWD; 3 rolls LND, lower part of R filled; 2 rolls LND upper part of B filled.

You will note that the SWD cents shows that the bottom of the "9" is above the mint mark — whereas on the LND the bottom of the "9" is below the top of the mint mark. I found one slanting D in SND.

I am going to take plenty of time processing this bag of cents and what I will find no one knows. I have a few rolls of 1960-P cents but have not open them yet.

Must say that you are on the ball when it comes to getting information as you have on the latest cents.

It is always a pleasure to receive and read the Coin Press Magazine.

Good Luck,
—R. E. Fain
Watkinsville, Ga.

Gold Standard called antidote for Inflation

Newark Star Ledger

EDITH K. ROOSEVELT

Wilhelm Ropke, the man who has been called the architect of Germany's spectacular economic recovery, urges a return to the gold standard to curb creeping inflation, which he calls of "more immediate danger" to Western society than communism.

In his first appraisal of "the social crisis of our age" in 15 years, Ropke views the problem of inflation as essentially "a moral disease." It is a lack of restraint by all groups of people which necessitates "the plug of the gold standard."

The noted German economist has a timely warning to the American school of thought led by Harvard Professor Sumner H. Slichter and Leon Keyserling, former chairman of President Harry S. Truman's Board of Economic Advisers, who dismiss creeping inflation as an unavoidable cost of desirable growth rate.

In "the Humane Economy" to be published April 25 by Henry Regnery Co., Ropke paints a grim picture of a sick economy.

"Once people suspect more generally—as they must sooner or later—that we live in an 'age of inflation,' they will increasingly behave in such a manner that an explosive chain reaction is set off."

We are only too familiar with these symptoms of the inflationary cancer:

- Demand for "cost of living" clauses which help speed up inflation.
- Demand for over full employment which requires a rise in the amount of money so employers can pay wage increases.

- Since progressive inflation decrease savings and raises interest rates, still more inflation is needed to maintain investments at "boom" levels and postpone the inevitable "bust."

What is it about "the social crisis of our age" which creates this chronic ill?

The growth of mass democracies. When democracies yield to the demand of special interests, they degenerate into government omnipotence. A constitution by itself will not guarantee stable government where the people themselves do not force their governments to respect natural law, traditions and norms.

One of the most important of these norms is the inviolability of money.

Never before have there been so many ideologies which justify the mating of politics and fiscal policy. Yet irredeemable currency in essence is a fraud on the people of a country.

Although a private citizen would go to jail for issuing irredeemable credit, our government and Federal banks feel free to hide behind irredeemable I.O.U.'s.

The substance of the Ropke argument is that while the gold standard is not the cure-all to all economic problems, it can help create fiscal integrity.

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During National Coin Week, April 24-28, Mayor Billy Hinton has issued a proclamation asking Wacoans to observe it.

Kalvert K. Tidwell, vice president and publicity chairman of the Waco Heart o' Texas Coin Club, says coin collectors all over the country will make speeches, appear on television, talk on radio, set up displays, beat the bushes for new club members.

"Hardly an American will miss hearing on seeing the story of collecting this week," Tidwell says.

Tidwell, who has an extensive and valuable collection of coins, a big library of numismatic literature, and in his mind a store of historical knowledge about coins, is an untiring booster of coin collecting as a hobby.

"Coins are great conversation pieces," says Tidwell, who proves that on the least excuse.

"Old and curious specimens excite the interest of those who have not yet become collectors.

"Coin collecting lays a firm pathway to social activities with its conventions, club meetings, and exhibits, bringing together various groups of people with like interests.

"Aside from the historical and geographical associations, there is an entire world of educational topics from which the ambitious collector may derive much practical information such as languages of foreign countries, the people's habits, customs, and progress of science.

"Coins are truly the storehouse of information, and have been since the beginning of the first intelligent race," he said.

• LETTERS •

Dear Sir:

The reason why I was tardy in payment was that I had to be sure that this is the magazine I should subscribe to.

I've read the April issue from cover to cover and I've decided it deserves much merit. I don't suppose I'm the only one that has said this.

Thank you so much.

—M. D. Caron Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I wish to offer my congratulations on your publication "The Coin Press." This is the most interesting and informative coin publication I have come across. I am sure you will keep up the good work. Please place the following ad copy.

—Larry Walker Seattle 18, Wash.

Dear Mr. Spadone:

A fellow collector of mine Gary Peklo, was looking through some change last week. He is just starting to collect coins. All his books and information have been received through me. I have been collecting coins for seven years; since I was six. In this time, the rarest coin I have found has been a 1924-D Lincoln. I had been telling Gary about the 1955 double shifts and how they are becoming rare. Believe it or not, the following day he was looking through some change and found a double shift in XF condition. Some people have all the luck.

I just want to compliment you on your wonderful "Coin Press". I have been reading it for many years and it has proved a great help to me and my collection.

—Matt Hobbs Riverside, Conn.

Dear Mr. Spadone:

Slightly over a year ago, our neighbor interested my wife and I in coin collecting and another friend introduced us to your magazine which we have found most informative and helpful in our efforts. In this short time we have been fortunate to find many of the more scarce coins including three 42/41 dimes as well as a 16-D.

—Robert L. Morris Evansville, Indiana

COIN COLLECTION ON DISPLAY

Boonville Herald

Charles Z. Mihalyi, real estate broker and numismatist, is exhibiting part of his money collection in two cases in the First National Bank of Boonville. The coins will be on display until May 12. This is a very educational exhibit showing odd shaped coins of the world from 700 B.C. to the present time.

One will see unusually shaped Chinese money. These were the first coins minted outside the Aegien greek coins which came into existence about the same time. Needless to say the distance was so far that these countries never knew of the existence of the other and developed their money system in a different way. The Greek coins were mostly round and of silver, (later gold), and the Chinese of copper. There are some coins shaped as a sword, the soldiers received their pay with these. In one place the excavators found a whole box full of these, still unopened, intact, laying in the ground for 2½ mileniums. Probably one of the first type coins was the "ant nose". The archeologist found these in ancient graves buried with the dead. For a while there was a question as to their use, but finally it was established that these metal pieces shaped like an ant nose were money. Same is the "bridge money" which was used for toll payment, crossing bridges and were shaped like a bridge. Also one will see "shirt money" "Bell money", and other odd shaped medium of exchange the ancient Chinese used. In this, they were thousands of years ahead of the Egyptians and although they had a high civilization, that did not develop a coin system until Alexander the Great of Macedon conquered them and introduced Greek coinage.

There are also some clumsy looking crude money from the Italian Peninsula before Rome was the ruler of the then known world.

In the other case there is a large square Swedish plate money, a 2-daler piece of the early 18th century, weighs several pounds. The "wife money" of Nigeria. This long iron piece had a soul and if broken the soul left it and was worthless until the medicine men welded it and became current again, restoring the value. You will see a large English two penny piece known as the "cart-wheel" and next to it the pill money of Panama. This is a very small modern silver coin, the size of a pill. Glass money of Siam, tree money of China. This has leaves and if one wanted to make

change, simply broke off one coin. A very rare old Polish medal of wood in a perfect condition. This is indeed a rare specimen. A large copper coin of Egypt, also bracelet money of Egypt hundreds of years before regular minted coinage was introduced. To top it off, a catholic rosary made out of American Indian head pennies, complete with cross.

This collection will interest young and old. Learn how the coinage was developed throughout the centuries, what "funny" ideas they had before present round shaped coins came to use.

One must remember that the money was not always round and made out of metal. Some people used wood (in China), ivory, elephant tail, bird feathers, arrows, nails, beads, dogs teeth, money made out of clay, glass, porcelain. Whiskey, tobacco, shell (wampum), cocoa beans, cattle, slaves and many unbelievable things were current as "money".

Some forgotten nations are only known by their coins left behind. Their history is forgotten in the dim past and now modern archeologists and numismatists are putting the pieces together and this is really a jigsaw puzzle if there was ever one.

COINS REQUESTED

Washington, D.C.—Rep. Breeding introduced House Bill H. R. 11740, and Rep. George introduced H. R. 11742, which provide that the Secretary of the Treasury shall coin special 50-cent pieces in commemoration of each centennial anniversary of the admission of each of the several States into the Union. The bills were referred to committee.

CLUB SPEAKERS

The Middlesex County Coin Club held its 16th meeting, May 18th, in the American Legion Hall, at Lake and Holly Streets, Metuchen, N. J., at 8:00 p.m., with an attendance of 76. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Nick Salimbene, who spoke on the Counterfeit Coin and how they are made and also how to detect a Counterfeit Coin. Questions were asked about the molds used for Counterfeit Coins.

There were many exhibits shown, with the subject of Liberty Head or V Nickels standing out among the many displays.

Our next meeting will be June 15th at the same hall. We will be honored by the company of Mr. Walter Breen, one of the authors of "Penny Whimsey", who will enlighten us on the topic of the American Large Cent.

—Mrs. Patricia Kiraly Carteret, New Jersey

The Oak Park Coin Club is having its annual West Suburban Coin Exhibit at the Oak Park Arms Hotel on November 6, 1960.

—Salvatore T. Genualdi, Sec'y.
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Bank Notes of Foreign Nations - II

By Harold Don Allen

ETHIOPIA'S DOLLAR, AN INTERESTING COLOURFUL NOTE

A splendid illustration of the craftsmanship of Security Banknote Company, the Philadelphia firm of printers and engravers, is the paper dollar of Ethiopia (40¢, U.S.), lowest denomination of a series which extends to the \$500 value. The black front has an orange supporting tint, and red numbers. Red and blue "planchettes" are randomly dispersed through the paper. The crowned Lion of Judah is depicted on a green reverse. The "Dark Continent" offers few illustrations of North American craftsmanship in the bank note art, yet this low denomination with the pleasant agricultural vignette proves to be a worthwhile and accessible example.

DEMOCRACY PERSONIFIED, ON NEGOTIABLE CURRENCY OF GREECE

The likeness is of Demokritos,—and like many a recent release of the Greek national bank this blue 20 drachmai (about 65¢) succeeds in capturing glimpses of the ancient past through the most modern of engraving and security printing techniques. An imposing reverse depicts a symposium of Greek philosophers. The note is dated March 1, 1955, and therefore represents a reformed standard of the drachmai unit, and is equivalent to 20,000 "old" drachmai. Even at the height of the post-war inflation, Greek bank notes possessed considerable aesthetic interest, and the nation's contemporary releases are among the most attractive in the world.

THE POUND FROM "DOWN UNDER", GEORGE VI ISSUE

An interesting serial number (000009), yet this specimen of the well-engraved "George VI" pound of the Commonwealth of Australia was obtained "out of circulation" at a Montreal centre of foreign exchange (1951 or 1952). Its present value is about \$2.20, U.S. The note is green, with supporting tints of pink, and was designed and produced by the Australian government printery. It is significant that the bill "is legal tender . . . in the Commonwealth and in all Territories under the control of the Commonwealth" and offers no "promise to pay" in silver, gold, or other more tangible form of wealth.

BOLIVIAN TOP DENOMINATION — \$1, U. S. CASH

No cheap mass-produced item of inflationary currency this, the Bolivian top denomination 10,000 Bolivianos possesses all the dignity of the Cuban or Dominican 1,000 pesos (\$1,000 U.S.), yet the horribly inflated Boliviano is down to one one-hundredth of a cent. The note, seldom offered to collectors, is of blue, with pleasant prismatic tints. The work of the English firm of Thomas De La Rue, it portrays "Liberator" Simon Bolivar. Reverse shows the passing of the Bolivian Act of Independence. Bolivia now uses no coins: notes from 1 Boliviano to 10,000 Bolivianos have reached circulation in recent years, and the "1" often is offered to collectors at "bargain" prices, and bargains they are, if you can forget the \$0.0001 rate of exchange!

SOUTH KOREAN TOP VALUE, ABOUT \$2

Oriental "high values" are in a category with the Brooklyn Bridge, when it comes to trying to sell one to the numismatic "man in the street"—they invite suspicion. Yet most Oriental economies have had their relatively high values: if their use was short, they may prove scarce. This Korean 1,000 hwan is current (note the Rhee portrait), and is the country's highest value. It is equivalent to 1,000,000 of the post-war "won". The obverse is a maroon shade, with interlacing tints of violet, green and yellow. Seals and numbers are in red and black. In keeping with its dignity as the nation's top denomination, it is artistically designed and imposingly executed. Denominations as low as 10 hwan have been in circulation in recent years, but coins (of Philadelphia mintage) rapidly are replacing lower value Korean note.



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Mint Sealed Proof Sets

Courtesy Lee Hewitt, Scrapbook

The term "mint sealed" applied to proof sets 1955 to 1960 means that the coins are still in the cello pockets as placed there by the Philadelphia Mint. The brown envelope is merely a "shipping envelope." There is a tendency to try to apply the term "mint sealed" to the brown envelope. We had a case last month where an advertiser didn't want to refund on an unsatisfactory set "because the buyer opened it to look at it."

Eugene Wagner, Janesville, Wisc., who has been buying 1955-up proof sets and just tossing them into his bank vault without bothering to open the brown envelope writes: "I had my proof sets home from the bank one day and decided to open a few that looked suspicious, as the flap on the brown envelope was wavy. I found that they had been steamed open and re-sealed and the proof sets inside were badly tarnished. I opened some more that had been carefully opened and were just pasted shut again in a few spots that were not used in the original sealing. I discovered that I had some 1956 sets with the half dollar cut out and missing from the set. At this point I was really worried, so opened all of them. Out of 510 sets, 1955 to 1959, I had over a hundred that had tarnish spots."

Steaming open the envelopes will tend to tarnish the sets as water vapor will infiltrate the cello jacket. Your editor was present when 100 of the 1959 sets were opened for the first time. Six of the 100 had at least one coin which was tarnished or had a carbon spot.

At the recent Detroit convention we were discussing the matter of thousands of proof sets changing hands without being examined. One of the parties in the discussion stated that he opened up some sets that were purchased from various sources a couple of year ago . . . and found that one "sealed" envelope didn't have a proof set inside. Instead five circulated coins were pasted to a sheet of paper.

Now as to the 1950 to 1955 sets which the mint shipped in cardboard boxes. We have stated it before in this publication and will repeat it again. Those who still have sets in the boxes as received from the mint must be of the type who like to live dangerously. In certain climates the staple the mint used to fasten the five cellophane envelopes together is rusted and has stained the coins. The cellophane is probably brittle and the half dollar, being the heaviest, is out of the envelope and bouncing around in the box.

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CORRECTION NOTE

In the May issue of "Marles & Co." ad the following line was accidentally omitted.

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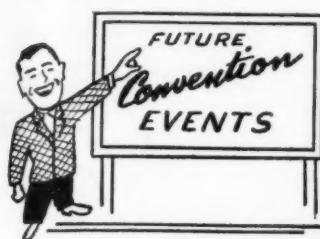
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Corn Belt Coin Club third annual Coin Convention and Show, July 23 and 24. Student Union of the Illinois State Normal University, Bloomington, Illinois.

Youngstown Ohio twelfth annual ASHC Convention, July 29-32 at the Hotel Pick-Ohio. Ruth V. T. Hammell, 211 N. Phelps St., Youngstown 3, Ohio.

The North East Ohio Coin Club is holding a three day Coin Show July 22-24 at The Tudor Arms Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Nate Gold, 2905 Hampton Rd. is Bourse Chairman.

Canadian Numismatic Association, seventh annual convention, August 18-20, 1960. Hotel Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Quebec. General Chairman, Hartley F. Graham, 110 Wellington St. North, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

New England Numismatic Association, Sixteenth annual conference and convention. October, 1960. Sheraton - Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R.I. Clifford F. Howe, Permanent Secretary, 8 Nelson Pl., North Grafton, Mass.

Oklahoma - Kansas Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Baker Hotel, Hutchinson, Kans., October 21-23, 1960. Chairman, Dale L. Hofer, 1005 W. Nineteenth St., Hutchinson, Kans.

American Numismatic Association. 69th annual convention. Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass. Aug. 24-27, 1960. James F. Clapp, Jr., General Chairman, 20 Bellevue Ave., Cambridge 40, Mass.

Newark Coin Convention - 3rd Annual - Saturday, September 10, 1960 - 9 AM to 10 PM at the Newark "Y" 600 Broad St., Newark, New Jersey, Newark Coin Club host; Chairman, Philip Rosenbaum, 1544 Walton Avenue, New York City 52, N. Y.

Sept. 9, 10, 1960 Appalachian Confederation of Coin Clubs Annual Convention and Auction in Bristol, Va.-Tenn. T. H. Gregg, Box 528, Bristol, Tenn. General Chairman.

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Lot #1. Ten coins to a lot.

1829 1/2¢ - VF Scratches Obv.
1864 - 2¢ - LM-G obv-abt.G Rev
1865 2¢ Abt. G.
1853 3¢ Silver FA
1867 3¢ Nickel Abt. G.
1856 1/2 10¢ VG
1850 10¢ Abt. G.
1858 25¢ F - Real Dirty
1908 50¢ FA.
1803 1¢ Abt. G.

Lot #2. Ten coins to a lot.

1864 2¢ LM G - Faint Date
1853 3¢ Silver FA.
1857 1/2 10¢ G.
1853 1¢ Dirty Green
1852 1¢ VG Nicks
1847 1¢ VG Spots on Rev.
1822 1¢ Abt. G. Faint Date
1844 1¢ Abt. G.
1851 1¢ G. Nicks
1854 1¢ G. Dirty

Lot #3. Ten coins to a lot.

1876 10¢ G - Scratches Obv.
1936-D 25¢ FA.
1917 50¢ FA.
1833 1¢ faint date Good
1839 1¢ - G. Rev. - Abt. G. Obv.
1853 1¢ VF - Odd colors
1848 1¢ - VG - Nicks
1831 1¢ G Scratches
1814 1¢ G Nicks Obv. Rim
1853 1¢ G. Dark

Lot #4. Ten coins to a lot.

1891 10¢ - F. Dirty
1839 1¢ - G. Faint Date
1837 1¢ - G. Nicks
1846 1¢ - G. Nicks
1844 1¢ - G. Dirty
1837 1¢ - G. Rough
1826 1¢ - G. Nicks
1822 1¢ - G. Dark - Dirty Green
1819 1¢ - V.G. Scratches
1932-D 25¢ - G. Motto is faint, little round indentation below ear on neck.

Lot #5. 21 pieces to this lot.

So called "FREAKS".
Cracked skull (1)
Clogged "B" in Liberty (2)
Tail on "E" in Liberty (4)
Cracked skull & green face (1)
Thick Planchet (1)
Adam Apple (1)
Planchet defect (1)
Small Mint Mark or Die Bk. (1)
Joined "B" in Liberty (4)
3 looks like 7 in date (1)
One side of "O" in date is flat (1)
"6" in date is pushed together looks like letter "V" (1)
#4 in date is missing or faint (2)

Lot #6. 9 pieces to this lot.

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Double "OF" but only "O" shows.
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Nickels:
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QUARTERS:

Variety #1. 1917-P - 19 shows
Variety #1. 1917-D - 19 shows
no 17.

Variety #1. No date shows,
16 or 17?

Lot #7. No. 8 No. 9 - Each lot has 25 pieces in it. The condition is the same. Obv. is good or better, Rev. is abt. G. to G.

Lot #7.

1916	(3)
1917	(3)
1918	(3)
1919	(2)
1920	(3)
1923	(5)
1924	(1)
1925	(1)
1927	(2)
1928	(2)

Lot #8.

1916	(2)
1917	(3)
1918	(2)
1919	(2)
1920	(4)
1923	(3)
1924	(1)
1925	(4)
1927	(1)
1931	(1)
1934	(1)
1935-D	(1)

Lot #9.

1916-S	(1)
1917	(1)
1917-S	(8)
1918-D	(2)
1918-S	(7)
1919-S	(2)
1930-D	(2)
1924-D	(1)
1925-D	(1)

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The Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit

With the cutting of a white satin ribbon Thursday afternoon, April 28, The Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit (Michigan, U.S.A.) was officially opened. The museum, which is one of the largest in the Western Hemisphere, features the collection of Nate S. Shapero, well-known Detroit businessman, numismatist and philanthropist. The opening was timed to coincide with the Detroit convention of the Central States Numismatic Society, April 29 and 30. During this period 500 visiting numismatists viewed the collection, located on the mezzanine of the bank's recently opened multi-million dollar main office in the heart of Detroit's financial district.

Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), educator and president of the American Numismatic Association, is director of National Bank's Money Museum.

The collection is comprised of 12,500 items; too many to be displayed at one time so the specimens will be rotated from time to time to maintain public interest. It covers 4,000 years and is broken down into seven classifications: (1) ancient, (2) medieval, (3) modern foreign, (4) United States, (5) foreign currency, (6) United States currency, (7) odd and curious media of exchange, medals, tokens, objects associated with the use of or production of coinage. The exhibit includes items from every part of the globe.

Housing of the collection is unique. The exhibit cases were especially designed for a museum without walls, an original concept to show coins, currency, and artifacts to best advantage. Exterior of the cases are of white Formica and glass, and each has individual fluorescent lighting. They are so arranged as to create a directional traffic flow pattern of movement through the museum. The entrance features a large plaque of the famed decadrachm of Syracuse, one of which is in the collection.

Admiral Dodson extends a cordial invitation to all numismatists to visit this new and unusual money museum.

'Heads or tails' takes on an entirely new meaning at the new Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit. If the choice is heads, there are stone heads with human faces carved on them and used as money by Guatemalan tribes in 600-800 B.C., or Takula wood money in the shape of human heads from the Belgian Congo. If the selection is tails there are monkey tails from Ethiopia and elephant tails from Central Africa, each of which once had a purchasing value of two slaves.

These unusual items of barter and exchange — money in one sense of the word — are only a small part of the 12,500 specimens in the collection. There are too many, of course, to be displayed all at once so they will be rotated from time to time.

It is located on the mezzanine of National Bank of Detroit's new multimillion dollar main office in downtown Detroit, and is open to the public without charge during regular banking hours Monday through Friday.

Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), distinguished Naval officer and internationally-famous numismatist, is director. He began his coin collecting career at the age of 13 and has carried it through 38 countries. At present he is serving his second term as president of the 70-year-old American Numismatic Association.

Numismatics is the scientific study of coins and currency. Coin collecting is one of the world's oldest hobbies. The small boy with his collection of pennies and the wealthy dowager with her rare gold pieces have much in common. Both have fun with this wholesome, fascinating hobby, and the Money Museum holds equal interest for both.

In the exhibit is a clay tablet — the first known form of bank check — inscribed by a Babylonian who died nineteen hundred years before Christ was born; a silver tetradrachm issued by Alexander the Great to pay his Macedonian soldiers; a tiny copper coin, the Lepton of Judea, famed as the Widow's Mite in the New Testament Book of Mark; crude silver-dollar size reales, the famous "pieces of eight" of the Spanish Main; the first paper money, made from mulberry leaves, printed by the Chinese in 1300 A.D.

Among the odd and curious items are American Indian necklaces made from both elk's teeth and human fingers; tea leaf money from Amazon tribes molded in the forms of fish, turtles and birds; bullet money from Siam and scarabs from Egypt; shark teeth from Oceania and dog teeth from New Guinea; bell anklets, tiger claws and cowrie shell necklaces from Africa.

National Bank's Money Museum is exceedingly rich in modern gold coinage. The United States coinage, except for a few rarities, represents a complete collection of pieces issued by United States government mints. Included in the display is a rare United States \$3 gold piece; a 1913 U.S. Liberty Head nickel of which only five are known, and an 1851 octagonal, privately-minted \$50 gold piece called a "California slug."



Discussing the Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit are Henry T. Bodman (left), president; Donald F. Valley, chairman; Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), director of the Money Museum; and Nate S. Shapero, Detroit businessman and numismatist, whose collection forms a large part of the bank's exhibit.



Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), director of the Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit, checking some of the unusual pieces on display. Note the modern cases which are protected by glass and have individual fluorescent lighting.

The museum provides an unusual opportunity to study the history of the world. Certain specimens in the collection represent the few surviving records of early civilizations. A study of the coins also sheds light on art, economics, portraiture and architecture.

There are 63 medallions in the set, each with a traditional scene from the Bible on one side and the actual description from the Bible engraved on the reverse.

Implements and weapons used by the Africans, Aztec and Chinese indicate that these articles were accepted as standards of value and represented legal tender as did bricks of compressed tea leaves from Siberia; beetle legs and wings from the Amazon country; and drums of brass from the South Pacific. Jade, obsidian, wire, iron, clay, wood, feathers, ivory and stone were used to fashion various forms of money. All were cash of one sort or another at some time in history. "And many are works of art as well as mediums of exchange," Admiral Dodson points out.

The dangers of inflation are pointed out by certain currency of tremendous denominations, which is worthless today. For instance, the exhibit includes a 1922 German Reichsmark note for 250 million marks which, today, is actually worthless.

Imagination can run riot when viewing many of the different items. For example, there is a razor-edged short sword called a kriss that a Malayan bridegroom might have presented to his prospective father-in-law in exchange for his daughter; a handful of silver coins, part of a strangely forgotten treasure trove buried in Greece by a Macedonian soldier after he was paid by Ptolemy II in Egypt; and the famous Biblical medallions of Sir Edward Thomas done in 1830. Salt brick money is still in use in Ethiopia today and is highly valued. Its use goes back hundreds of years, and even today penalties for its export from Ethiopia are heavy.

Strips of tobacco soaked in licorice are highly valued as a medium of exchange in the South Pacific today.

Since the dawn of civilization, primitive media of exchange and money have been a significant and powerful implement of man. Their appeal and influence have been universal. Here, in the Money Museum, is the story of man, as told by money, covering the span of recorded history from caveman to space explorer.

SHOWING THE GIRLS AROUND



Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), director of the new Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit, showing Carol Brandner and Linda Gibson a Japanese counting board used in 17th Century—the forerunner of the present-day cash register. This is only one of the hundreds of items on display telling the story of mankind from caveman to present-day space explorer.

Beginning with a clay tablet due-bill of Babylon 5,000 years ago—the first known form of bank check—the collection continues with coins struck off about 700 B.C. as well as the first money printed by Chinese in 1300 A.D. According to Admiral Dodson, some specimens are among the few known records of early civilization.

Among the odd and the curious forms of money are dog teeth from German New Guinea, brass drums from the island of Alor, a Japanese counting board (earliest form of cash register), Eskimo fish spear money, beetle wing money from Brazil, Aztec obsidian spear, brick tea money from Siberia; salt bricks from Ethiopia, elephant and monkey tails, Bell money from Africa, and licorice-soaked strips of tobacco highly valued in the South Pacific Islands as a medium of exchange today.

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Strange objects used for barter in the markets and bazaars of ancient times are on display: pressed bricks of tea leaves, dog teeth, beads, shells, feathers, beetle legs and wings, elephant and monkey tails, ivory, bells and drums and hundreds more.

The Money Museum is the story of mankind from prehistoric times to the present.

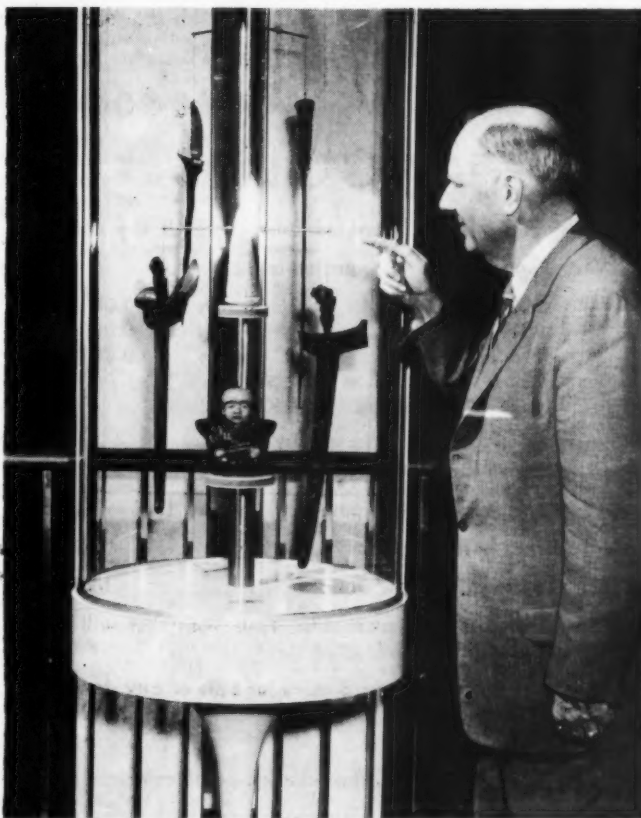
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ENTHUSIASTIC VIEWERS



Numismatists and Would-Be Numismatists—Coin Collectors—crowd the new Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit. Coins, currency and artifacts from every corner of the globe, and covering over 4,000 years, are on display in the bank's multimillion dollar new main office in downtown Detroit.

EAST INDIES KRISS SWORDS



Admiral Oscar H. Dodson points to a Babylonian baked clay cone, an early form of business record. Below is a 14th century Japanese "piggy" bank. The weapons are Kriss swords from the East Indies used as wedding gifts.

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19S, 20S	.05	.10	.25	.35	1.00
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22D	.90	1.20	1.75	2.25	4.00
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24S	.20	.30	.75	1.25	3.50
24D	—	—	3.50	4.25	6.00
26S	.75	1.10	1.75	2.00	4.00
27S	.15	.25	.50	.75	1.50
28S	.10	.15	.35	.50	1.25
31D	.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.50
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Crown pieces are virtually obsolete in Great Britain. The last issue of crowns was struck to commemorate the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Chadron, Nebraska, is celebrating their 75th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee the week of August 1 thru 6, 1960. This commemorative coin in the bronze has been placed in circulation in Chadron and will remain as legal tender at all local stores until the close of the celebration August 6th. The Panhandle Coin Club is sponsoring this coin. Also besides the bronze coins for 50¢ we have the oxidized coins which sell for \$1.00. These coins are for collectors and souvenirs.

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1915-S	.65	.85	1.30
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11-D	.35	.60	1.50	—
12-D	.40	.80	—	—
13-D 23-S	.25	.45	1.10	1.80
13-S	.75	1.20	1.75	2.75
14-P 15-P	.10	.25	—	—
15-D	.15	.30	.70	—
15-S	1.20	1.75	2.50	—
16 thru 20-P	.05	.05	.10	.20
16-D thru 20-D	.05	.10	.30	.70
16-S 25D&S 27-S	.10	.20	.40	.80
17-S thru 20-S	.05	.10	.25	.70
21-P 23-P 24-P	.05	.10	.25	.70
21-S 24-S	.20	.35	.75	—
22-D	.75	1.15	1.95	2.75
24-D	2.50	3.50	4.25	—
26-D 27-D 28-D	.65	.10	.25	.50
26-S	.55	.85	1.75	2.75
28-S	.05	.10	.25	.60
29D&S 30D&S	.05	.10	.25	.35
31-P	.08	.15	.25	.40
31-D Ex F 3.00	.55	.80	1.15	2.25
32-P&D Ex F .80	.10	.20	.35	.50
33-P (Reduced)	.15	.25	.40	.65
33-D	.25	.40	.70	1.20
34-D	.05	.10	.20	.35
35D&S, 36D&S, 38D	.03	.05	.10	.15
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43-S, 43-D, 44-S, 44-D	.15	.25	—
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A READER REPORTS

The article in the May 12th issue of the Coin Press Magazine about the 1960 P-D die variety prompted me into measuring the two 1960-D varieties. Only one coin of each variety was checked.

The following information was obtained with the aid of a 7.5 power micrometer eyepiece, a Bausch & Lomb microscope, and mechanical stage.

	Large-Narrow	Small-Wide
Height of the		
1	.9416mm	.8988mm
9	1.3696mm	1.1984mm
6	1.3268mm	1.1984mm
0	1.0272mm	.9416mm
D	.5564mm	.5564mm
Space between		
1-9	.2140mm	.2568mm
9-6	.1284mm	.1712mm
6-0	.0856mm	.1712mm
Space across the		
9	.8560mm	.8132mm
6	.8132mm	.8132mm
0	.9416mm	.8132mm
D	.5564mm	.5564mm

I also noticed that the small-wide 1960-D variety has a "T" (near the "Y") in LIBERTY chopped off to make way for the "Y". In the Large-narrow variety, the "TY" is correctly spaced. This leads me to believe as you do, that the small wide variety was discontinued in preference to the large-narrow type.

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SOUTH AFRICAN VIGNETTE

By Starr Gilmore

South African numismatic history really begins with Spanish pieces of eight. South Africa was indeed a long way from Holland. Paper currency was not in use, and the colonists were only too glad to accept any money that was obviously honest. And for a considerable period of time the money of Spain stood first in popular esteem. It will be remembered that our early paper money promised redemption in Spanish milled dollars. And not only did we find them convenient, but Canada also. As international money, the pieces of eight did service for the commercial world almost impossible for us to imagine.

As trade with the East increased, it became more and more difficult to get coinage necessary for business requirements. Therefore the Dutch East India Company was granted special authority to put out coins that were an approximation of the Spanish pieces of eight. The introduction of the ryksdaaler, later corrupted to rixdaler, did a great deal to help the situation. The early paper money was anything but popular and had very much the same history as that of early Canada. For one thing, it was almost immediately counterfeited.

One coin in South African history is of unusual interest. The term "tickey" is peculiar to the Union and is applied to the 3rd piece. During the time of President Kruger, Samuel Marks, a mining magnate, was given special permission to mint pieces in gold of this denomination, a total of 215 being so minted. This strikes me as an oddity of business more than a little difficult to understand. Logically, they could have no justification whatever. The small number and the small worth would make them no real addition to the coinage.

We need scarcely be told that they disappeared with a briskness something akin to magic. Souvenir hunters were after them almost as soon as they left the mint. What else could have been expected? No person of sense would expect them to remain in circulation. Were the coins merely minted to gratify the vanity of Samuel Marks? If so, then they had a very poor excuse for existence. More than a few of us would like to know the kind of persuasion that was set forth in favour of them. But there is not much danger that we shall ever know the truth.

A mere 6 of these coins are known to numismatists and the value placed on them is 175 pounds. This would be \$790 dollars in our money, assuming the value of the \$2.80 pegged pound being used, assuredly not the older value. However, the price might as well be 1,000 pounds inasmuch as the possessor of such a piece would no more sell it than he would sell his grandmother. No, I am not joking. Anybody knows that the money price put on such items is virtually the same as meaningless.

What happened to the other 209 coins? They certainly went to no melting pot and whoever got them never gave them up. We are compelled to believe that the holders of them retained the coins as keepsakes and souvenirs and possibly with little or no idea of their value. Plainly enough they are not in the hands of collectors, for if they were, the possessors would not fail to make ownership of them known. Possibly members of the Marks family have South African heirlooms.

I have tried to imagine the size of such a gold piece and have utterly failed. To be any size at all they would have to be wafer thin, or so it would seem. Our own California 25¢ pieces were small enough but they did at least circulate and helped meet the need for small change. It looks as though the tickeys will forever remain a numismatic mystery.

The present South African Mint was set up in Pretoria by authority of the Mint Act of 1919. The present Director, J. P. Roux, is actively interested in numismatics and has done much to stimulate interest in coins. Among other things, he has translated quite a number of English numismatic terms into Afrikaans. De Nummis, the Transvaal publication devoted to coins, has been given his encouragement and help. It is hardly a matter of wonderment that South African collectors hold him in esteem of the highest kind. Oddly enough, Mint Reports are not put out by Pretoria although Mr. Roux was kind enough to give me their equivalent. South African coinage figures are of the highest interest.

Proof sets of the Union are of special interest to collectors. Perhaps I should begin by making clear that South Africa has 2 sorts of sets; the "long sets" with the gold pieces; the "short sets" without them. Otherwise, they are identical. As might be supposed, the proof sets are not struck in large numbers.

In the beginning year, 1923, 655 sets were struck which included a gold pound, but not the half pound. Of short sets for the same year, 747 were struck. A long period then went by before gold coins were struck again, their resumption being in 1952. All sets between 1923 and 1952 are confined to silver and bronze. Only once during this period were proof singles struck. This occurred in 1947 at which time 3,000 crowns were put out packed singly.

Some of the intervening years saw no sets at all. None were issued in 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1940, 1941, and 1942. It is obvious enough why the last 3 years saw no sets. Also to be noted is

the fact that resumption of the proof sets began with 1943, whereas Canada did not resume the minting of silver dollars until 1945. Why the other gaps occur is unknown to me.

It may be observed that the years from 1926 to 1939 saw what may be termed the issuance of merely token sets, so few are they in number. For example, in 1926, 16 sets; in 1930, 14 sets; in 1931, 63 sets; in 1932, 12 sets; in 1933, 20 sets; in 1934, 24 sets; in 1935, 21 sets; in 1936, 40 sets; in 1937, 116 sets; in 1938, 44 sets; and in 1939, 30 sets.

Aspect of this situation somewhat puzzle me. Canadian proof-like sets are issued in numbers that are supposed roughly to correspond to demand. But nothing of the sort would seem to be in evidence here. The highest number of the period, the 116 sets of 1937, would certainly not appear adequate to meet anything except extremely limited demand. In fact, the total of sets for the period is a mere 398. Practically all of these sets must be in South Africa; must have been put on the basis of something other than demand, and if numbers mean anything, they certainly would have value out of the ordinary.

When South Africa finally did return to the striking of gold pieces, she then did so on a fairly large scale. A total of 15,500 sets were struck, far more than ever struck before or since. Of these, 12,000 were long sets and 3,500 were short sets. No gold singles were struck and the gold pieces were exclusively pounds. Clearly enough, many of these sets went out of the Union.

Gold singles began with 1953, both the pound and half pound, and have continued to the present time. This feature of her coinage makes South Africa interesting to many collectors. And of the singles, 1,000 were struck. Of the sets, 3,000 were long and 2,000 short. The long sets of 1953 are already scarce items and command a good market price. This is partly because a number of collectors like the Coronation Sets of Her Majesty, not only of the Union, but also of England and New Zealand. All 3 of them together in their attractive special holders make a brilliant display. For some unknown reason, neither Canada nor Australia put out special sets.

Since 1953, the sets have been put out in decidedly diminished number, and as compared to Canada, on a very small scale indeed. For example, let us consider the year 1959. Of long sets, 290 were issued; of short sets, only 560. Gold singles were minted to the number of 240. Any effective outside demand, if South Africa chose to meet it, would surely result in a decided increase of the sets. It may well be that her mint facilities are limited and that she cannot produce proofs on any very large scale. Canada has declined the production of genuine proofs on the ground that putting them out entails too much expense for too little return.

Rather a matter of interest is the fact that South Africa continues to mint the farthing. We must assume that the piece has some purchasing power, or what is more likely, that it serves some purpose in making change. But whatever the experience of South Africa, England abandoned the farthing quite some time ago and she is also going to abandon the large penny.

Long criticized for awkwardness and inconvenience; pounds, shillings, and pence will come to an official end in South Africa on February 21, 1961, at which time the decimal system will come into use. Naturally enough, at least a few people will bitterly resent the change. However, Australia and New Zealand are going to do the same thing. And England will sooner or later adapt the same measure, perhaps within the next 5 years. She did consider such a change during the 1850 decade and even had a few coin designs made. Nothing came of it then but the situation of today is a very different one and England will hardly wish to be left alone.

Of course, the change will make things awkward for a little while. And also, the conversion will not be too cheaply made. One of my South African correspondents, Harry Lund, a citizen of Durban, informs me that the estimated cost will be approximately 9 million pounds sterling. This is no small sum of money to pay out and is one good reason why Australia and New Zealand have shown some hesitation in the matter. We well know what an uproar the adoption of the metric system would cause in this country despite the fact that it is vastly superior to the one we have in use. In this day and age, an inconvenient money system is an absurdity.

Appropriately enough, the new unit will be called the Rand, named for South Africa's big gold mining centre. In the new system, 1 pound will be 2 Rands; ½ pound, 1 Rand; 5 shillings, 50¢; 2 shillings, 20¢; 1 shilling, 10¢; sixpence, 5¢; threepence, 2½¢; 1 penny, 1¢; and the farthing, ½¢.

Nine coins will comprise the new South African proof sets: of gold, R2 and R1; of silver and cupro-nickel, 50¢, 20¢, 10¢, and 5¢; of bronze, 2½¢, 1¢, and ½¢. The present obverse of Her Majesty as executed by Mary Gillick will continue in use. Reverses are another thing, but since no mention of change has been made, therefore we may assume that they will also be continued as before.

Collectors of the United States and Canada will do well to give consideration to the new sets. They will be cheap enough in the beginning, but the story will be a very different one in a relatively short period of time. Needless to say, all that applies to South Africa will also be true of Australian and New Zealand decimal sets when they are eventually issued.

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Mayor John J. Burns of Binghamton (center) accepts a wooden nickel from President of Triple Cities Coin Club—Fred Hunter, Edmond Roy committeeman shows club sign—used to announce the event, April 24th.

Mayor Burns congratulated the club on its progressiveness in putting on the affair and showing the interest in the field of numismatic's to the community....

COIN IS KING SHOW

Held April 24th—Johnson City Moose Auditorium

With the opening of The Triple Cities Ball games being held two blocks away, had no effect on The Triple Cities Coin Club "Coin Is King Show" at the Johnson City, N. Y. Moose Auditorium, Sunday, April 24th.

Hundreds visited the afternoon and evening exhibit and a good thing they didn't all come at once. The place had a capacity crowd. The ancient to the modern coins, the fractional currency from colonial days on and the large horse blankets, were there for the curious and the down to earth collectors to gaze and feast their eyes on, gold—gold, it also covered better than two large table.

The hundred and ninety-two lot auction went off smooth as clock-work with James Ruddy and Thomas Novobilski altering as club auctioneers. All seats were taken during the evening affair and the prices realized showed well the trend to the higher (price) levels in the coin industry.

In questioning the dealers, there were ten in all what they thought about the first affair of the Triple Cities Coin Club, Dave Netheway, Howes Cavern, N. Y. "Wonderful! I'm sold out. What else can anyone say?" W. B. Coston, Hornel, N. Y. who's table had a capacity crowd around from the minute the first bag was open till they locked up for the night. "Very good attendance and well worth the trip." James Walser of Albany, N. Y. "I'll be back next year, that's what I think of it."

With eighty-one column inches of photographs in the local papers, a 10 minute TV show, that discussed coins and National Coin Week only, (due to FCC ruling out all things charging admissions, or auctions, etc.) The Ralph Carrol Show WNEF TV had Eugene Rogers and Noel Dahlander as guests from our club on, and there was 37 odd column inches of news stories that included one full length editorial in the Binghamton Sun, all in all—it was worth the effort to see the results.

N. Nick Salimbene:

I read your article on small and large date 1960 cents with much interest.

Here in Illinois we get Denver coins much earlier than Philadelphia mintage.

I have 4 rolls of 60-D cents which upon cursory examination seem all to be small dates. I have 6 each cents which have what I call closed 6's or filled 6's. I got these 4 rolls of 60-D cents in February and early March.

When I got my first few 60-P cents about a month ago, I remarked to several other collectors that the zero in the date of the 60-P cents was larger than it was on the 60-D cents or on the 60 proof cents. Now for the shocker—I've checked my proof sets more closely and I find I have 4 each small date proof cents and 2 each large date proof cents.

—Miles K. Livingston Urbana, Ill.

P.S. One of these small date cents came with a nicked quarter, but I thing I'll keep the whole set and not complain.

SOMERSET COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING



Above photo shows part of the large attendance of the May meeting of the Somerset County Coin Club which boasts an average of 100 per meeting, an excellent accomplishment for a club only 1 year old. The gentleman in the foreground is Ken Morse, of Kenilwood, New Jersey.



This photo is the continuation of the same scene as the above photo. The only person I can recognize is Gordon Adams of Quality Coin Co. third from right. With cigarette in mouth I mentioned to Gordon, you look like a gangster and will publish the photo. Actually Gordon is one of the finest persons to meet.

During the May meeting, a talk on the Casting of coins was given by Nick Salimbene who did a wonderful job in explaining the fundamentals of this subject; cast molds and examples were used. Nick stressed when buying a rare coin if you still can't detect any flaws the mere fact of checking for the points may scare the potential phoney seller away. "If you don't know your coins—know your dealer."

WOODEN NICKELS FROM CALIFORNIA

The Ferndale Stamp and Hobby Club of Ferndale, California, is sponsoring both the issue of a cacheted cover and wooden nickels in conjunction with the second annual LOGGERS' FUN DAYS celebration at Rohnert Park, Fortuna, Calif., on June 18-19.

This event, sponsored by American Neighbors Incorporated, is for amateur loggers, and features selection of a "Timber Queen" and a "Timber Wolf", barbecue, dance, contests, etc., and the profits are given to the Redwood Area Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl organizations.

Either covers or wooden nickels are 15¢ each, Two for 25¢, from Donald D. Lawton, Box 453, Ferndale, Calif. Last years covers are still available at the same rate, plus 4¢ postage on each order.

The Cincinnati Numismatic Assn. proudly presents their annual Coin Show to be held June 10th, 11th & 12th in the spacious air-conditioned ballroom of the Cincinnati Club, Eighth & Race Sts. There will be more than forty-five coin dealers from all over the United States in attendance. Collectors will be able to buy, sell, or trade with these dealers. There will be many exhibits of rare coins, notes, etc. There will be no

charge to the general public for admission to the convention. Everyone is invited to attend. A banquet will be held Saturday evening, June 11th, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. with the public invited. Plan now for an enjoyable weekend in Cincinnati.

Pontiac "Mich" Coin Club elected the following officers at the 167th meeting held at the Pontiac Y.M.C.A., May 3.: President—Arthur Webster; Vice-President—Arthur Smith; Secretary—Clarence Cue; Treasurer—Bert Hotchkiss; Board of Governors—John Reineri and Ken McLain.

Our club is sponsoring a membership drive. The member getting the most new members will be awarded an Unc. \$5.00 Gold Piece at our Oct. Show & Bourse.

—Clarence Cue, Sec'y.
Pontiac, Michigan

North Jersey Numismatic Society meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Community Center, Main Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey. (60)

The Passaic County Numismatic Club meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 8 P. M. at Johnny's Grill, 110 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, New Jersey. (70)

Bergen County Coin Club meets on the 3rd Wed. of each month at Fire House No. 2, at 8 p.m., River Edge, N. J. (60)

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This column is formed to better acquaint subscribing members, dealers, collectors and beginners with standards of this magazine and pass on informative news. This column should answer most questions and inquire frequently asked. Write to the editor for any information not contained in this column.

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POINTS TO LOOK FOR ON SOME POPULAR COINS

1 CENT LINCOLN: The lines on wheat stalk and Lincoln's ear are a good spot to look for wear. On a coin classed as very good most lines should be showing on a coin graded fine they should be clear.

5 CENT LIBERTY: E Pluribus Unum is legible on coins graded good, clear on coins graded very good. One graded fine should have full liberty.

5 CENT BUFFALO: On a good coin edge of word liberty may be slightly worn, but on one graded very good the word Liberty is clear and one-half of horn shows, a fine coin should have nearly a full horn, a coin classed as very fine has full horn and tail shows on hip.

10 CENT MERCURY: Watch lines on axe fasces, on coins classed very good some lines show, a fine coin should have all lines.

FOR BEGINNERS who are just starting to collect, here are a few suggestions and some advice. First, a coin guide book is a must. They can be purchased for \$1.00 or more for helpful information: on care, condition, value, amount minted, types, how coins are made, and other news of help and interest. Most coins can be found in circulation. As you are making your set always try to improve the worn coins. Value of coins depends greatly on the condition. Never clean or polish coins unless you are experienced. If you must try, use a common date coin. There are handy cleaning kits available for this purpose. Coin insert folders and other supplies can be obtained at your dealer. You may also notice that the age of old coins do not make them rare. There are some late date coins minted that are worth more than some hundreds of years old. What makes one coin worth more than another by these factors: Amount of coins minted, availability, collectors' demand and any unusual die strikes. Coins can be obtained through purchases, by auction or trading with collectors.

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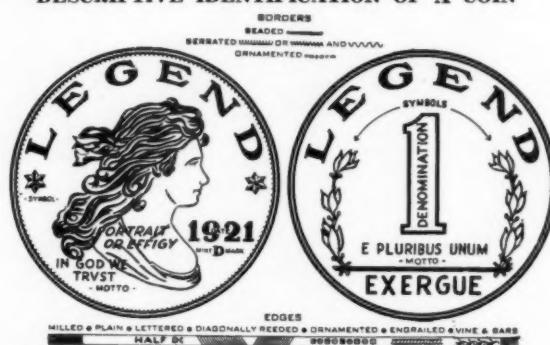
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Laur.—Laureate	P.O.R.—Price on request	Scr.—Scratched
Cr.—Crowned	T.Ty.—Type	Ctspd.—Counterstamped
Diad.—Diademed	Sm.—Small	R.—Right
N.D.—No date	Lg.—Large	L.—Left
Obv.—Obverse	Stg.—Standing	AV—Gold
Rev.—Reverse	Std.—Seated	AR—Silver
w.—With	C.V.—Cat. Value	AE—Minor
wr.—Wreath	Var.—Variety	Coll.—Collection
Ins.—Inscription	Dupl.—Duplicate	Comm.—Commemorative
B.U.—Bright Unc.	Avg.—Average	M.M.—Mint Mark
F.E.—Flying Eagle	Brill.—Brilliant	Unc.—Uncirculated
W.C.—With cent	G.—V.G.—G. to V.G.	G/VG—Obv. G./Rev. V.G.
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GOURDES OF HAITI

By Starr Gilmore

Our relations with Haiti have not always been of the happiest kind. More than a few citizens of the United States have looked upon her as a comic opera country, a point of view hardly calculated to inspire respect. It is scarcely to our credit that a considerable number of people would actually be unable to locate Haiti on a world map. Twice in our history we have been obliged to tender her an apology. Both apologies were of such curious sort as to be worthy of mention.

The first came about when the President of Haiti made a visit to our shores for the purpose of bettering several situations, doubt chiefly of financial kind. As the ship bearing him came into New York harbour it became incumbent to fire the traditional 21 gun salute. Unluckily, and for some unknown reason, only 6 or 7 guns went off, a thing that happened because there was some defect in the firing circuit. Puzzled over this, an officer investigated the situation, and while doing, the remaining guns suddenly went off. The split salute made a very poor impression and we apologized.

On the second occasion, and much later, the President of the Black Republic was on board a ship which was to take him to the United States. Haiti at this particular time was having her usual peck of trouble and we had sent Marines there to maintain order. And down on the dock to see him off was the Marine Band. It is to be assumed that the national air of Haiti was played, whatever it may chance to be, but another selection met with no approval. The reader will understand the reason for displeasure when he knows that "Bye Bye, Blackbird" was the tune which greeted more than a few astonished ears. Negroes, it should be understood, are the only persons under the law of Haiti who can qualify for the Presidency.

To assume that Haiti has always been what she is today is to be guilty of a serious error. There was a time in her history when she was accorded the utmost of respect; a time when her financial standing was beyond question, and a time when her fertile acres blossomed into something like the beauty of a well kept garden. That she attained this position was due entirely to the efforts of a single man: Henri Christophe. I shall presently give a brief sketch of his remarkable career. Suffices it to say that he is a man known to few.

Haiti's troubled and chequered career in world history really began with the French. Approximately 40,000 of them ruled the country with an iron fist and nearly all of them hated a life which they looked upon as no better than exile. Added to the whites were 24,000 free mulattoes and 500,000 pure blacks. And as boils the pot in South Africa, boiled also the pot in Haiti for they all hated each other with a fury born of fear and fanaticism. The constant threat of insurrection kept the French on edge and made them mete out treatment to their black charges of the most dreadful and barbarous kind. One planter buried 9 blacks up to their necks in the earth and then invited his friends to play a game of bowls with iron cannon shot used for balls.

When the blacks finally and inevitably rose against their white oppressors it was with the firm intention of killing them off to the last person. That they did not wholly succeed in this pious project was not due to want of effort. As it was, they created woeful havoc in their ranks, and driven from their plantations, the surviving French were forced to seek refuge in the towns. An appeal was naturally made to France for help. But alas, Marianne was faced with the problem of trying to get her own house in order, my reference being to the French Revolution. So Haiti was largely left to stew in her own juice.

Three men came to the front to represent the blocks: Toussaint L'Ouverture, Dessalines, and Henri Christophe. Toussaint ruled briefly as Governor-General, but taken into custody by a ruse, was sent to France where he died in prison. Dessalines then took up the problem of rule, a wholly illiterate black whose hatred of whites was monumental. He met a violent death at the hands of the affranchis; that is, the mulattoes. And it was then that Henri took up the sceptre of authority; an authority that he very quickly made one of terrorized respect.

Henri Christophe (1767-1820) was King of Haiti from 1811-1820 and therefore his rule was brief. And as in the case of many extraordinary men, much of his strange history is myth and legend. However, the truth is astonishing enough. In many ways, both in situation and character, Henri reminds one very strongly of Peter the Great. Both were men of tremendous size and physical strength. Both were determined to beat civilization into their unwilling subjects. Peter the Great used a knout; Henri used a whip. Both ruled subjects who were largely illiterate, and in the case of Henri, almost completely so. Both were men of unquestioned courage who blenched at nothing. Both were determined to win respect for their people. Henri sternly forbade any of his would be aristocrats the privilege of beards; Peter the Great tried to tax them out of existence. Their attitude toward beards enraged the subjects of both rulers.

Henri's domain, when he first took it over, presented a sight sufficient to chill the stoutest heart. The bitter guerrilla warfare of years had reduced the land to a wilderness of briars and brambles. All plantations had fallen into neglect and decay. Haiti was utterly without credit and there was literally not a sou in the treasury. And having thrown off the hated rule of the French, the blacks saw no reason why they should work at all. Unluckily for them, Henri had other ideas and they were based solidly upon work.

A man who is willing to wake an unflinching fight against odds of an overwhelming nature is at all times entitled to our admiration and Henri was certainly such a man. And if absolute rule can be at all times entitled to our admiration and Henri was certainly such a man. And if absolute rule can be at all justified, then Henri assuredly justified his. He knew his subjects only too well and had no illusions about their inherent laziness; a laziness both physical and mental. Greatly to the credit of Henri is the fact that he shrank from work of no kind.

One peculiar feature in the economy of Haiti gave Henri a rare opportunity to put the lazy natives to work and at the same time to solve his problem of an empty treasury. Gourds grew in profusion and were put to use by his black subjects in almost every manner that could be imagined. As nearly as could be, the gourds were necessities of an irreplaceable kind. Further, they had the fine quality of wearing out in such fashion as to make fresh supplies of them continually necessary. Reflecting upon this, Henri declared that every gourd was the property of the state. And just before they ripened, soldiers were sent into every commune to harvest them, a total of 227,000.

A value of 20 sous was placed on a gourd. When the coffee crop ripened, Henri's now not too happy subjects found that he was not quite as mad as he seemed. Redeemed by the gourds which entailed him no expense at all, Henri promptly sold the crop to European merchants for gold. By this unique method, and in the course of a single year, Haiti found herself with a metal currency of absolute stability in circulation. Naturally enough, the mainstay of the country, sugar, was paid for in the same manner. To tell the truth, few of the blacks had much need for money. England handled most of Haiti's commerce and was glad to do so. Haiti actually became rich, a situation far from true of her today.

By way of contrast, let us consider Petion, a mulatto who ruled in the south part of the country and whose amiable citizens worked only when it pleased them. The worthy Petion issued 4 million dollars stamped out of tin; money of purely token sort at which Henri could afford to laugh. No doubt at least a few examples of this worthless money must still be in existence. Petion saw fit to declare all men thieves and made no effort to stop corruption. But of course his citizens were free while those under Henri were slaves, a statement made by Petion which may be taken with more than a few grains of salt.

Able to do no more than sign his name, Henri sincerely regretted his lack of education. And determined to better the situation of his subjects, he set up excellent schools in which he made English a required language. All able bodied men and women had to work and he hated inefficiency and waste of any kind. His palace, Sans Souci, was a creation of taste and beauty, the best of several that were built for him.

More than anything else, the Citadel la Ferriere, more simply called the Citadel, probably led to the eventual downfall of Henri. Begun by Dessalines, 15 years of desultory work had been spent on it. Words are inadequate to describe the efforts that went into its construction. Exactly why Henri wanted so urgently to have it built is a secret that perished with him.

It is located on the crown of a peculiarly inaccessible mountain 3,000 feet above sea-level. Quite probably it is the most gigantic fortress ever built. Its walls are from 80 to 130 feet high, from 20 to 30 feet thick, and the structure has a big central parade ground at the top. An irregular square, it tapers to an enormous prow which points magnetic north. Henri did not live long enough after its completion.

Reduced to partial paralysis by reason of a blow on his head which was incurred by falling down, Henri realized that his end was near for it was no secret which he could keep from the people. And when the mob finally closed in on Sans Souci he fired a gold bullet through his brain; a bullet that had been made a long time before and evidently in expectation of just such an end. A few faithful retainers carried his body up the steep slope to the Citadel. When they reached the parade ground on top they threw his body in a huge container of lime meant for builders and he was thus spared the dishonour of mutilation.

The famous play written by Eugene O'Neill, The Emperor Jones, is based upon the life of Henri. A worthless son that he left behind suffered an ignominious death. His Queen, Marie-Louise, and his two daughters, Amethyste and Athenaire, were allowed to go in peace and spent their remaining years in Europe. Haiti has almost entirely forgotten her former King and but few remember that the masterful Henri, by reason of the way in which he made use of the gourd, made it the name given to her chief unit of currency.

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